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HF 2493 - Viral Hepatitis Program (LSB 6402 HV)

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**Description**

House File 2493 requires the Department of Public Health to establish a Viral Hepatitis Program. The purpose of the Program is to distribute informational material; and provide testing, and vaccination as part of existing local public health services for at-risk adults. This is contingent on the receipt of funding that would allow for the distribution of grants to local public health agencies for these purposes.

In addition, the Department is required to conduct a study that will provide an epidemiological profile of Hepatitis C and its impact on the State. The Department is required to report the results of the study to the General Assembly by January 1, 2008, and is required to include the status of the development and distribution of the informational material and the results of the testing and vaccination component of the Program in the study.

**Assumptions**

1. There will be 11 local public health agencies that will receive a grant of \$7,500 each to integrate prevention education information about Viral Hepatitis into existing programs for a total cost of approximately \$83,000.
2. The laboratory costs for testing conducted by the University of Iowa Hygienic Lab will total \$25,000.
3. There will be a total of 500 Iowans vaccinated at \$100 per person for a total cost of \$50,000. The vaccinations will be provided by local public health agencies and the costs will be reimbursed by the Department of Public Health.

**Fiscal Impact**

The estimated annual cost of HF 2493 is an increase in General Fund expenditures of \$158,000 for the Department of Public Health beginning in FY 2007.

**Source**

Department of Public Health

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/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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